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In re Patent Application of:

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For: High Strength Alloys

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

## RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the election requirement, applicant hereby elects Group I encompassing claims 1 to 22, 55, 60 and 61, drawn to a nickel-chromium-iron alloy having at least one carbide more stable than chromium carbide with hafnium oxide particles.

Applicant's election is made without prejudice. As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to not more than a reasonable number of species in addition to the elected species, provided that all claims to each additional species are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.146.